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SUBJECT: FRENCH PARLIAMENTARIANS TO VISIT U.S.

1. LIVINGSTON, VICE PRESIDENT OF GERMAN MARSHALL FUND, HAS ADVISED DEPARTMENT THAT FUND HAS APPROVED GRANT TO FINANCE VISIT TO WASHINGTON AND HOME DISTRICT OF 12 U.S. CONGRESSMEN FOR TEN DAYS NEXT SPRING BY SIX MEMBERS OF BUNDESTAG AND SIX MEMBERS OF FRENCH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY. RETURN VISIT BY BIPARTISAN GROUP OF 12 U.S. CONGRESSMEN IS BEING PLANNED FOR NEXT FALL. THIS PROGRAM IS LOOKING FOR PARLIAMENTARIANS WHO ARE 45 OR UNDER AND ARE PROMISING, AND WILL FOCUS ON THEME OF ANTI-INFLATION POLICIES, WHILE PROVIDING EUROPEANS OPPORTUNITY TO OBSERVE U.S. POLITICS IN WASHINGTON AND CONSTITUENCIES.

2. IN VIEW OF RIEGLE-TERRENOIRE RELATIONSHIP, LATTER HAS BEEN SELECTED AS COORDINATOR FOR GOVERNMENT HALF OF FRENCH SIX-MAN DELEGATION. MARSHALL FUND WOULD LIKE TO IDENTIFY A YOUNG OPPOSITION PARLIAMENTARIAN WITH GOOD COMMAND OF ENGLISH AND LIKELY PERSONAL COMPATIBILITY WITH U.S. CONGRESSMEN TO ACT AS COORDINATOR FOR THREE-MAN OPPOSITION GROUP. FUND WOULD ALSO LIKE TO PRESENT TERRENOIRE AND OPPOSITION COORDINATOR EACH WITH SUGGESTED LIST OF SIX TO EIGHT DEPUTIES FROM WHICH TO CHOOSE THE FRENCH DELEGATION.

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3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE IF EMBASSY COULD SUBMIT TO DEPARTMENT

ITS SUGGESTIONS REGARDING 12 TO 16 DEPUTIES FROM GOVERN-
MENT AND OPPOSITION WHO WOULD REPRESENT SPREAD OF OPINION
AND AFFILIATION, AS WELL AS POSSIBLE OPPOSITION COORDINA-
TOR, AS BASIS FOR NEXT STEP IN THIS PROCESS. MEANWHILE
WE ARE POUCHING MAGEE LETTER FROM LIVINGSTON FOR DELIVERY
TO TERRENOIRE PROVIDING HIM A STATUS REPORT ON THIS
PROJECT. INGERSOLL

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